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Filed : October 19, 2000)
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For : ROOF TILE SUPPORT)
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action dated June 6, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Sub 1. (AMENDED) An apparatus adapted for use with roof tiles and a roofing surface, the apparatus comprising a support element configured to occupy a space between roof tiles and a roofing surface thereby providing support for at least central portions of the roof tiles, wherein the support element has a length of about four feet, a width of between about seven and a half and eleven inches, and a height of between about one inch and about two inches, such that the support element is sized and adapted to support at least three roof tiles of any shape or size in a single course, and wherein the support element is non-integral with the tile or the roofing surface.

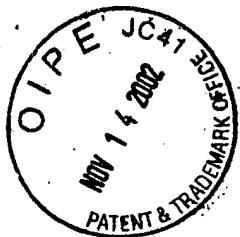
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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Time Extension Fee:

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CLAIMS AS FILED						
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Total Claims	36	—	31	= 5 ×	\$9	= \$ 45
Independent Claims	4	—	3	= 1 ×	\$42	= \$ 42
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Time Extension Fee						\$200
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- (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
 - (X) Return prepaid postcard.
 - (X) A check in the amount of \$287 is enclosed.
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